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Wonsan Airfield (127-29, 39-10)

1. The Wonsan Airfield is on the Kalma (Katsuma) Peninsula, a narrow strip of land which juts out into Wonsan Harbor. (See Reference 1 on Attachment 1.)

2. This airfield has one run-way which is 150 feet wide and 3500 feet long. According to Janis 75, Table XIV-2: In December 1944, on Wonsan airfield on the Kalma Peninsula, there were two run-ways, crossed (paved): 3850 feet x 230 feet ENE/WSW; 3000 feet x 230 feet NNW/SSE.)

3. There are 40 single-engine planes and 3 twin-engine planes on the airfield. There are also 28 vehicles of various types at the field.

4. There are 300 Soviet guards stationed at the airfield.

5. The two searchlights at the airfield are in use every night.

6. There are 3 hangars on the airfield. According to Janis 75, Table XIV-2: In December 1944, there were 8 large and 3 small hangars.)

Ships in Wonsan Harbor

7. There are two large Soviet ships in Wonsan Harbor. (See Reference 3 on Attachment 1.) One is an 1800-ton destroyer and the other, a 3000-ton transport.

8. A 3000-ton destroyer left Wonsan Harbor on 10 April 1947.

Wonsan Shipyard

9. In the Wonsan Shipyard (See Reference 11 on Attachment 1.) many ships are now being built. According to Janis 75, Chapter VI: In March 1946, the only known shipyard in the Wonsan area was east of the Fishing Harbor, but there was mention of a possible shipyard north of the Fishing Harbor in an area corresponding to Reference 11 of Attachment 1 of this report.)

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Soviet Army Troops in Wonsan City

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There are approximately 320 Soviet Army troops in Wonsan proper.

At the Soviet Army Garrison Headquarters in Wonsan (see Reference 15 on Attachment 1) there are 11 artillery pieces with a (bore) diameter of approximately 4 inches. There are also 11 tractors with rubber tires, 8 large trucks, and 18 other vehicles of various types. There are approximately 80 Soviet Army officers at this Headquarters.

There is a platoon of Soviet soldiers stationed on one of the islands in Wonsan Harbor. There are 3 artillery pieces on this island.

3. A Soviet artillery unit of 140 men is (billeted?) in the former Revenue Office Building. (See Reference 18 on Attachment 1.) The artillery pieces of this unit are at the Soviet Army Headquarters in Wonsan. (See paragraph 21.

4. There is a Soviet Army Warehouse in Wonsan containing 120 vehicles of various types. (See Reference 19 on Attachment 1.) A detachment of 20 Soviet soldiers is stationed in this warehouse.

Soviet Navy Personnel in Wonsan

5. There are approximately 350 Soviet Naval troops in Wonsan.

The Soviet Naval Headquarters is in the City Hall. (See Reference 7 on Attachment 1.) There are approximately 80 Soviet naval officers at the Headquarters.

17. There is a Soviet Naval Barracks in the building formerly occupied by the Tobacco Monopoly Bureau. (See Reference 2 on Attachment 1.) There are 100 Soviet Naval troops in this barracks.

18. In part of the Soviet Port Area (See Reference 4 on Attachment 1) there are 120 members of a Soviet Naval Guard Unit.

There are also 50 members of a special "Soviet Naval Warehouse Guard Unit" in the Soviet port area. (See Reference 5 on Attachment 1.)

20. There is one searchlight in the Soviet Port Area, but it is not being used. (See Reference 4 on Attachment 1.)

Korean Troops in Wonsan

21. There are approximately 200 men in the Peace Preservation Office (Bo-an Dai 保安署) in Wonsan. (For location of Peace Preservation Office Headquarters, see Reference 8 on Attachment 1.)

22. There are approximately 300 members of the Peace Preservation Corps (Bo-an Dai 保安隊) in Wonsan. (For location of Peace Preservation Corps Headquarters, see Reference 14 on Attachment 1.) The name of the commander of the Peace Preservation Corps troops in Wonsan is CHONG (鄭).

23. There are 100 members of the North Korean Constabulary (Kyung Bi Dai 警備隊) in Wonsan. (See Reference 5 on Attachment 1.) They assist the Soviet in performing guard duty in the port area.

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CONFIDENTIALKorean East Sea Coast Guard in Wonsan

24. Members of the Wonsan Unit of the East Sea Coast Guard (東海水上警備隊) are concentrated in the fishing port area. (See References 12 and 13 on Attachment 1.) They have four cars and eight small motorboats. Only two of the boats are now being used. From 0800 hours to 1800 hours daily the two boats are at sea.
25. There are 140 men in the East Coast Guard Detachment in Wonsan. The name of the commander of the detachment is YI (李). He is 28 years of age and was trained in Yenan (109-27, 36-36). (Shanghai Note: It has been reported by another American agency that the Headquarters of the East Sea Coast Guard is at Wonsan.)
26. Members of this Korean Coast Guard Detachment wear uniforms of dark blue cotton cloth similar to those worn by the Soviet naval personnel.

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